

Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

We had some spirited yet constructive discussions at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. We heard a presentation from Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff on the Metrorail Phase 2 project and the recent proposal to reduce costs. The Office of Financial and Program Audit presented the quarterly report, briefing us on the results of their investigations of various County programs and agencies. We also approved the funding priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool for the next two years. Twenty five parcels of land will be turned over to the Park Authority, bringing us closer to meeting our goal of 10 percent of the County's landmass as parkland. Included in this transfer is Baron Cameron Park, also known as the Reston secondary school site.

I hope you and your family are enjoying your summer and are able to take advantage of a few of the wonderful summer events in Fairfax County. As always, contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Cathy Hudgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunter Mill Melodies Free Summer Concerts: Each Thursday night 7:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. This week's concert (July 14) features the **Slightly Something** (acoustic/pop). Next Thursday, July 21, will feature **Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie**, traditional bluegrass group.

Aging in Reston Forum: Saturday, July 16. The Aging in Reston initiative will hold a community forum on July 16, 2-4 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, to report on Phase I of its work and plans for Phase II. To RSVP, call 703-672-1116, or email to aginginreston@gmail.com

Shuttle Service to Farmers Market: The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) is in the process of establishing a shuttle bus service to the farmers market at Frying Pan Farm Park on Wednesday mornings. Shuttle would run from a centralized location in Reston and one in Herndon.

This market is also a pilot program for the SNAP program and also receives support from INOVA Health Care, who matches up to \$10 for SNAP purchases. For information on the shuttle service, contact NCS at 703-787-4962.

7-12-2011 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **July 12, 2011 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

PRESENTATIONS sponsored by Supervisor Hudgins

Mary Stevens, former Deputy Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, was honored for her 24 years with Fairfax County.

Auditor of the Board Quarterly Report: The Board's Audit Committee presented findings on this quarter's report from the Office of Financial and Program Audit;

- Dulles Metrorail Project: At a 71 day lapse in April 2011. Revenue operations dates have changed due to delay on West Falls Church Yard and new rail car delivery dates affected by earthquakes and tsunami in Japan.
- Lorton Arts Foundation: Positive review noted significant accomplishments.
- Future Construction Escrows: Audit revealed \$3.6 million in deposits that were misallocated, including cash proffers.
- Foster Children Transport: County staff to use professional transportation contractor for transporting children instead of personal vehicles.
- Connector Bus Service: Department of Transportation does a good job managing service provider.
- Affordable Housing: Waiting lists for public housing and vouchers are very long 13,047 on public housing waiting list, and 4,078 on the rental program waiting list.
 - o Average wait time was 3.9 years for public housing, 1.4 years for rental program.
 - There are 3,624 housing units valued over \$295 million. Condo fees total \$1.5 million per year.
- Fire and Rescue Absenteeism: Found to be within a reasonable range of national data for federal, state and local governments as well as private sector.
- Telecommunications Costs: Department of Information Technology found significant billing errors by Verizon and negotiated credits back to the County for approximately \$900,000. Audit Committee will continue to conduct county-wide review of telecommunication expenditures.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 2: Authorization to advertise public hearing on July 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., regarding changes to Election Precincts.

• Two ordinance changes proposed: 1st to be effective for August 23, 2011 primary election; second will be effective for the November 8, 2011 general election.

- In total they plan to create 14 new precincts, rename 13 existing precincts, adjust the boundaries of 58 precincts, abolish 8 existing precincts, move 10 polling places to new locations, and move the polling place for the Skyline precinct into Mason District.
- For Hunter Mill, divide Flint Hill and create a new precinct to be named Madison, with polling place established at Madison High School.

Admin 5: Authorization to advertise a public hearing for July 26, 2011, to convey Board-owned property to the Fairfax County Park Authority. Total of 25 parcels comprising 315.6347 acres are under consideration for transfer. In the Hunter Mill District, Baron Cameron Park (Reston Secondary School site) 60 acres, will be transferred to the Park Authority.

Admin 6: Approval for County to apply for and accept funding from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a Community Transformation Grant. Would be used to implement policy, systems and environmental change strategies designed to improve health. Funding would support 3 grant positions for the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and build linkages to stakeholder groups, advisory councils and partnerships with community-based organizations and staff from several County agencies.

Admin 7: Authorize public hearing for proposed changes to Chapter 3 of County Code. Modifications are needed to ensure Code of Fairfax County is in compliance with federal law.

- Section 3-1-1 changes the term handicap to disability.
- Section 3-1-21 establishes such discrimination as a prohibited practice.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 2: Endorse Fairfax County Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments – 5-year Fair Housing Planning Document. Board endorsed a local plan as an addendum to the Fairfax County 5-year consolidated plan for FY 2011-2015, a requirement to meet HUD funding of approximately \$9.7 million in federal funds. The local plan required by HUD is a comprehensive view of the County's laws, regulations, administrative policies and procedures and practices and how they affect location, availability and accessibility of housing. The consolidated Plan one-year Action Plan for FY2011 was adopted by the Board on May 11, 2010 and included \$57,514 in CDBG funds, \$24,427 in HOME funds and \$75,000 in CDBG funds carried over from FY 2011.

Action 3: Approve FY 2013 and FY 2014 Funding Priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. Recommendations largely follow continuing the approach taken in FY 2011-2012 with no significant changes in priority categories or target percentage levels. Continued focus on programs that provide direct human services with measurable outcomes for individuals, families neighborhoods and communities and reflect stability and self-sufficiency opportunities based on need. The outcome-focused priorities will enhance efforts to *prevent* conditions or behaviors that undermine desired outcomes.

• Target funding for the various priorities is as follows:

10 - 20% Prevention
15 - 25% Crisis Intervention
45 - 55% Self-Sufficiency
10 - 20% Long-term Supportive Services

Action 5: Authorization to terminate the agreement dated July 23, 1998 with the Town of Herndon to share expenses and space for the Herndon Neighborhood Resources Center

(HNRC). As part of the FY2012 Adopted Budget Plan, the County will assume full operational and financial responsibility. HNRC provides integrated services for children, youth and adults, including physical and mental health services, public safety outreach, after school recreation and technology programing and legal services.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

Consideration 1: Amendments to the Bylaws for the Fairfax County Commission for Women (CFW). November 2010 CFW voted to amend bylaws to reflect the fact that they produce a biennial report as opposed to an annual report and also clarify the composition of the CFW.

- Serve three (3) year terms with no restrictions.
- Twelve (12) members; representing each Magisterial District; one at large and one minority appointed by the BOS Chair and one student selected via competitive process.

BOARD MATTERS introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

Simone "Sam" Savia was invited to come to the Board and be recognized for his 70 years of service with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4:00 Public hearing to approve amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82-1-6, Adoption of State Law. These amendments adopt actions of the 2011 General Assembly into Chapter 82 of the *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia*. Changes include;

- Punishment for underage drinking and driving penalties: to forfeiture of license for one year and either a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 or 50 hours of community service.
- Allows person with a restricted license to travel to and from jail for confinement.
- Defines "moped" to be considered a motorcycle when operating over 35 miles per hour.
- Allows motorcycle, moped, and bicycle riders, in certain situations, to proceed through intersections controlled by traffic lights showing steady red signals.
- Failure to stop for a school bus that is stopped for discharging children will result in reckless driving charges.
- Expand the list of places where a person can be found guilty of reckless driving to include governmental property that is open to the public.
- Requires emergency vehicles to use siren and emergency lights when proceeding through red lights.
- Prohibits the use of television receivers that are visible to the driver.
- Establishes size and weight compliance agents to enforce vehicle size limits.

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